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PRODUCT FOR PRICE AUDITING  
IN A SUPPLY CHAIN  
MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

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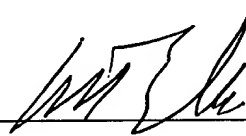
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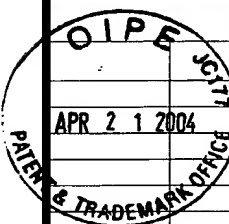
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